

## Behavioral Management and Residential Support (group homes)

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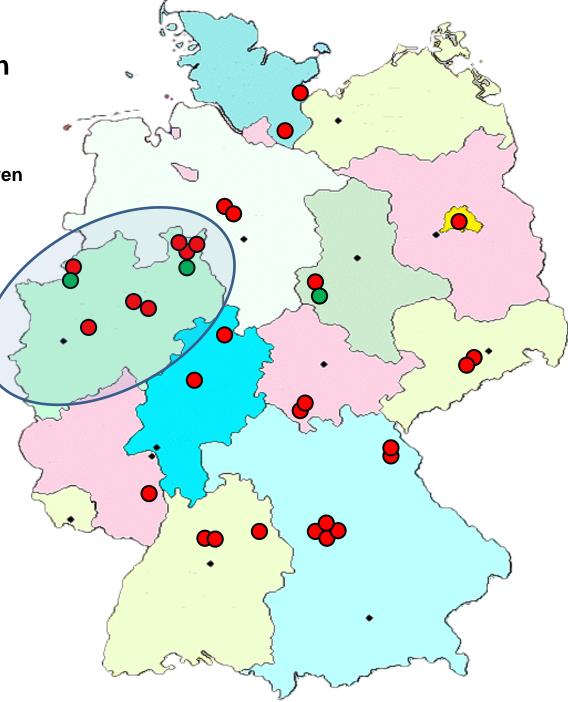


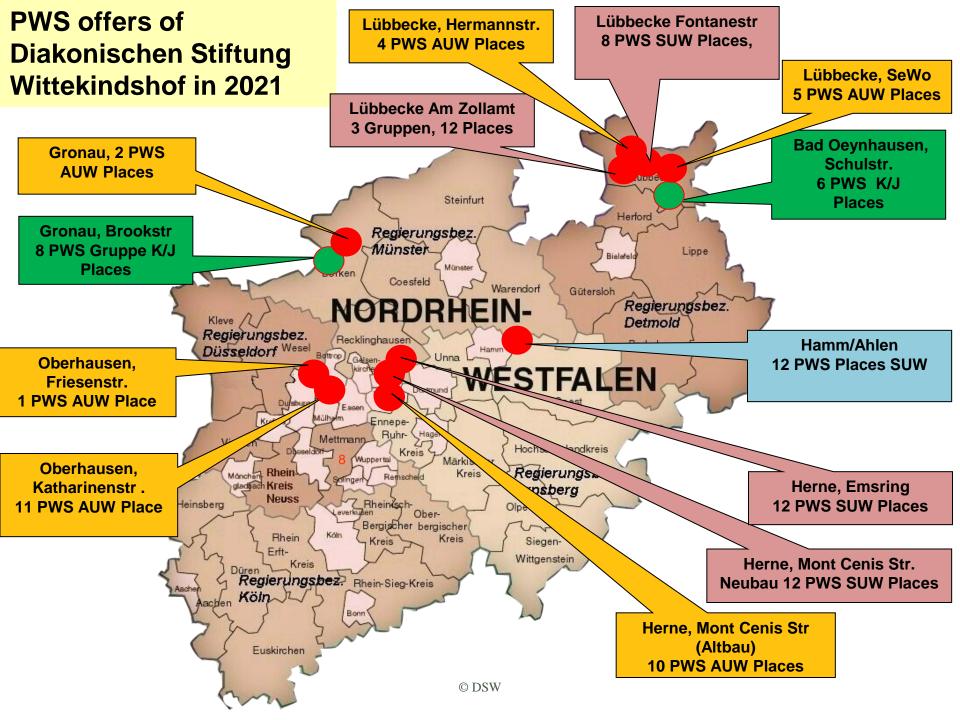
### Germany

- •82 Mio inhabitants
- •16 states
- Nearly 5.000 people with PWS

# Living offers in Germany 2021

Around 500 places 25 of them for Children and Youth





#### PWS Living offers Diakonischen Stiftung Wittekindshof





Oberhausen, Friesenstr. 07/2016







Lübbecke, Hermannstr



Oberhausen, Mont Cenis Str. 07.2015



Bad Oeynhausen, Schülerstr. 10/2014







Start in the year 2000

6 adults in a group

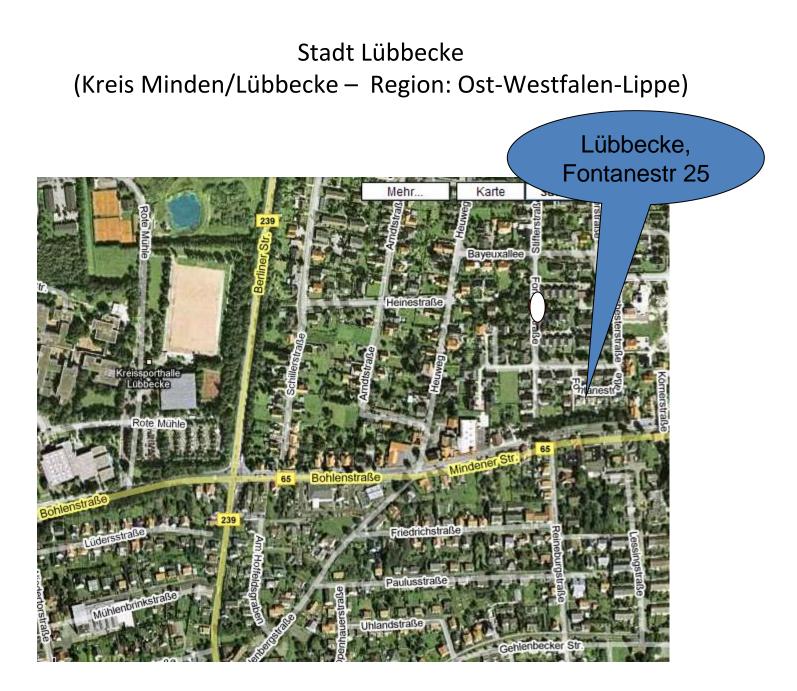
2 people in an appartement

23 years to 56 years, some live 20 years in the house

Each one have a single rooms

In the house are 5 bathrooms

Located in a normal neighbourhood





Everyone is going to work (Monday to Friday) in a sheltered workshop (working from 8am to 4pm).

Using the offers of social activities in the town, in the neighbourhood

Having duties in the group (washing, cleaning, supporting meals, ...)

6 meals a day

All 8 people with PWS in this house are working with the "PWS trafic-lightsystem", which allows them to handle the weight more and more by their own

No one have a BMI over 30

Depending on their competences (on their development), they are

- walking in the town allone or with support
- handle (all or a part of the) money by their own or with support

- ...

Most of them are in a relation-ship



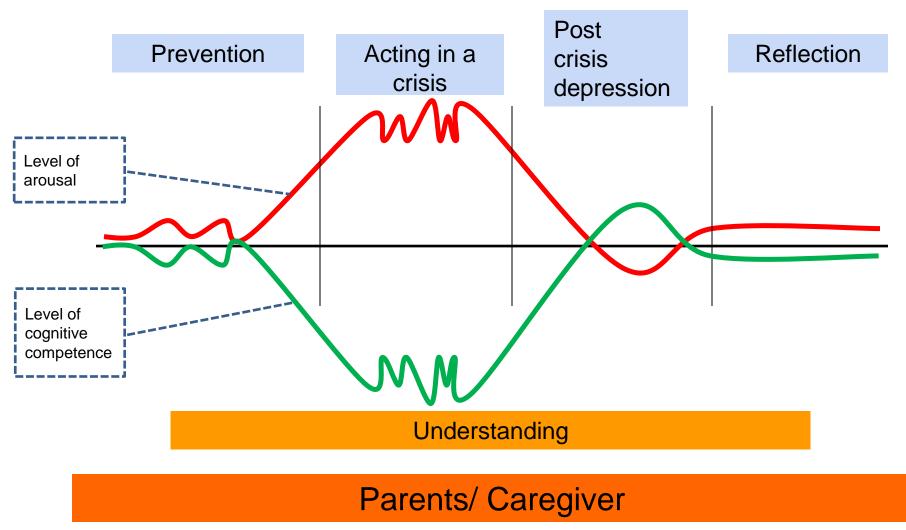
#### ... but what we also see is:

- Crisis situations
- Conflicts
- Challenging behavior
- Egocentrism
- Strive for dominace
- Relations-ship crisis
- Searching for food



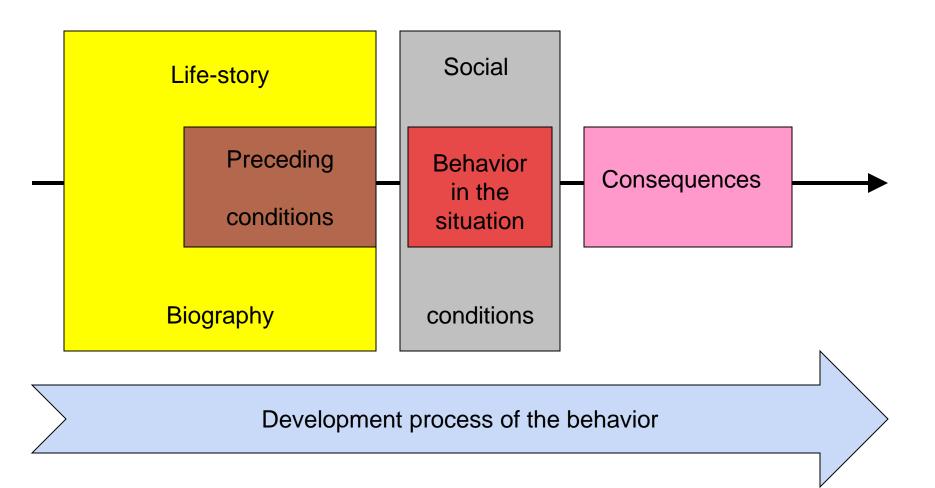
## Course of a crisis

or: What are we talking about? Or how do we understand challenging behavior?

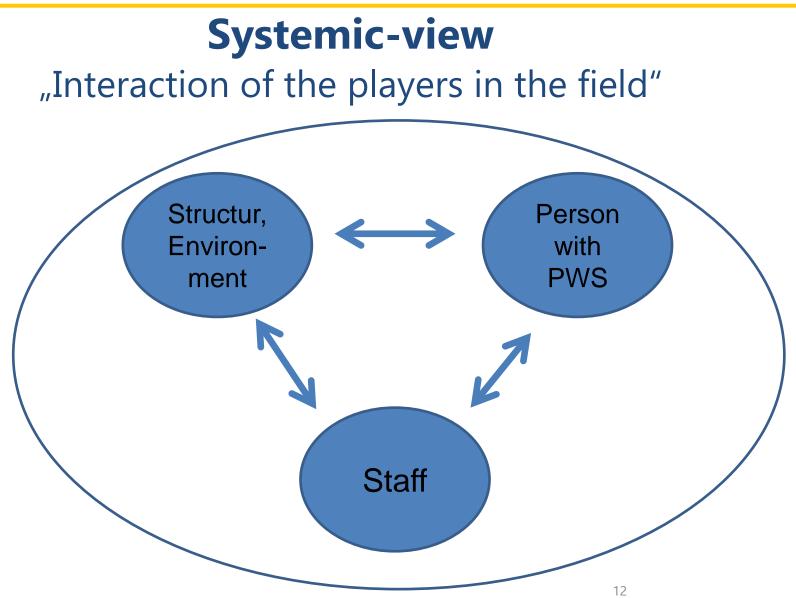




### Parts of the behavior analysis









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### **Basic principles**

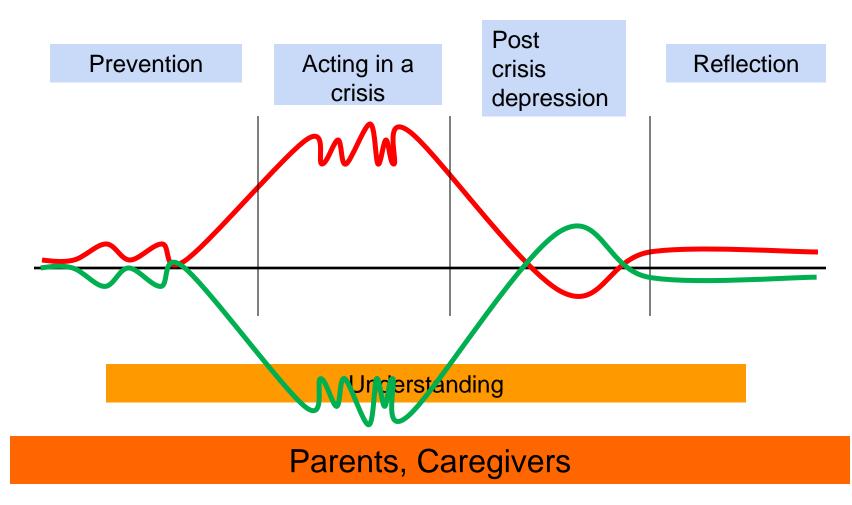
- be transperent
- involve the people with PWS
- let them decide
- give them the chance to "fall down and learn to stay up"

- give them the chance to be disappointed and learn to handle it

- and give them every time the persective of developing and reaching goals



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### The main important thing is to train

- the people with PWS to change this things by there own
- the parents, to have to knowledge to support this
- the staff/ the caregivers to have to knowledge to support this

## Prevention



- Daily and weekly process
- Knowledge
- Well trained staff
- Ensure external support
- Ensure internal reflection
- Reduce trigger stimuli
- Switch rooms
- Give support for structuring information
- Use surprise effect
- Metacommunication



## Handling in crisis situations

- Be aware of your goals
- Be the leader of the situation
- Give space
- Keep distance
- Do not mention consequences during a discussion
- Don't try to win at any price during a situation
- Consider own reduced cognitive capabilities
- Interrupt the line of thinking by
- Divert thoughts by reinterpreting
- Ignore (Behavior, words and content, persons)



### Reflection

- start with the description of the situation by the one with
  PWS
- must always include a change in perspective
- develop suitable behavioral alternatives
- "Building bridges"
- Use meta level



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